

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Monday 9th December 1996 at 7.30 p.m.

Present::

Mr. M. Oakland (Chairman)

Mr. G. Brewin

Mr D. Minkley

Mr. R. Moyle

Mrs M. Pickford

Mrs R. Saunders

Mrs L. Spicer

Mr K. Topham

Mr K. W. Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Three Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, 11th November, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

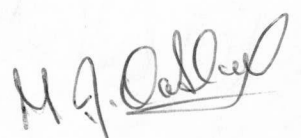
Photocopier (Item 3). Mr Brewin advised that there had been nothing suitable at the sale in Leicester on 29th November, but he hoped to locate a secondhand machine during a visit to London within the next few weeks.

B676 resurfacing (Item 3). Correspondence exchanged with the County Surveyor was read, indicating that there is no budget currently for improvements to the kerbing and sidewalk but that the catseyes would be replaced.

Water Supply to Allotments and Burial Ground (Item 12). Correspondence with Severn Trent was read and it was agreed that the matter be placed on the February agenda when a decision on placing a contract for preliminary work would be required.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

Mrs Saunders advised that Tom Wright does not wish to quote for the 1997



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maintenance contract. P & J Services of Long Whatton have asked to quote and it was agreed to ask them, in the first place, for references with a view to obtaining a quotation for comparison with County Direct Services. The PFA feel that, whatever the eventual outcome, the gang mower should be retained at least for the short term.

The damage to the garage doors had been recovered in full from the Insurers but there is a problem with the new doors which have swollen in the wet weather and are, as a result, very difficult to secure. The suppliers have been asked to rectify this.

The supply of hot water to the showers has been an ongoing problem and the PFA have been quoted £ 320 + VAT to install a single 8.5 kw electric shower, leaving the existing unit to power the second shower and the kitchen hot water. A second quote is being sought but it was agreed to pay a sum not exceeding £ 320.00 for this work.

5 VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Pickford advised that the new curtains were hung before the recent Christmas Fair. It was felt that a display of childrens' teaching aids was inappropriate in the Council Meeting Room and that the Hall Committee should be asked to keep the walls clear.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Caravans at Cotes. There was no news of these, but it was noted that the caravans were still on site.

P/96/01376/2 - extension at 3 Barrow Road, Burton (D. Philipson). Comments were required by 4th December and following reference to the Chairman and other Councillors, no objection was raised.

P/96/01570/2 - new vehicular access, 10 Barrow Road, Burton (A.J. Upton). These plans were examined and it was agreed to raise no objection.

1000 houses at Cotes. A front page story in the 'Loughborough Echo' had focussed on this renewed project and a handbill emanating from Angela Thorpe and others had been distributed locally. The Council took note of the proposal and an informal discussion took place although no action is called for unless and until some formal notification is received.

7 THE COMMON/TRAVELLERS.

Mr Eggleston was advised of the situation following the last meeting. There

had been no response. The Environment Agency had telephoned Michelmore Hughes a fortnight ago and were told that their letter had not been received. A copy has been sent. Charnwood Housing and Public Services had not responded to our letter about the multi-agency approach. A negative response had been received from the County Director of Property (Gypsy Liaison Officer). Mrs Saunders had been advised by Alan Tongue of the Probation Service that they may be able to help with clearance (not human excreta) and to contract him again in a few months time. There was no indication of anything harmful or objectionable being carried into Burton in the brook.

It was agreed that the clerk should press Mr Kinnear, the Director of Housing and Public Services at Charnwood regarding the multi-agency approach and also encourage the Environment Agency to pursue the Duke of Somerset.

8 ENVIRONMENT

8.1 St. Philips Road walkway. Chris Buckingham advised this morning that he has not as yet had the opportunity to examine their microfiche records regarding the ownership of this land although he now believes it was not Clark Homes/Balfour Beatty but a local group. He will revert.

8.2 Tree at Huntingdon Close. County Forestry Services advise that they hope to replace this in the New Year.

8.3 Poultry Farm. A meeting had been set up by Charnwood for 17th December to which we were invited to send three representatives but this was postponed this morning, at the request of Padleys. Mr Brewin reminded the meeting of the problems which have been experienced and particularly the fact that Charnwood Environmental Health were not willing to give an assurance that there is no health hazard. At the invitation of the Chairman, an elector, Mr Bagueley advised that, despite all assurances given, the objectionable smell had recurred recently and he had written to Mr Fisk about this.

The Clerk will press Mr Fisk for the planned meeting to be reconvened at the earliest possible date.

8.4 Stanford Lane, Cotes. Following our letter to the County Director of Planning & Transport, a letter in similar vein was received from the Byass's of Manor Farm, Stanford Lane and this was relayed to the Director. So far, brief acknowledgments only have been received to these two letters.

8.5 Mini roundabout, Burton Crossroads. Work has now commenced. Mr Minkley and the Clerk met with various officials including the

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Police to consider the resiting of the westbound bus stop. Whilst there is no ideal solution, because of the restricted space, the most acceptable compromise was arrived at though it will be necessary to see how it works out in practice following completion.

8.6 Flood Warning Arrangements. A pack had been received from the Environment Agency, relating to the River Soar at Cotes. The Clerk will supply photocopies to Mrs Spicer. No action was felt necessary in connection with a flooding survey from the same source.

8.7 Environment Challenge. A circular gave details of funds available for tidying up public land. This was considered to have no application here.

8.8 CPRE subscription. It was agreed to renew our subscription at the same rate as last year, £ 15.00.

8.9 International Tree Foundation subscription. It was decided not to subscribe.

9 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Since the last meeting there has been a nett increase in funds of £ 559.96, taking the available reserves to £ 8390.39. The Capital Reserve is unchanged.

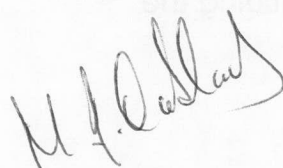
10 YEAR END, BUDGET

Mr Topham and the clerk attended a seminar given by the LAPLC on 2nd December. Notes on this meeting were distributed and are attached to the original Minutes of this meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would be the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) for this Parish. A fee of £1.00 was fixed for sight of the Accounts and Statement by any elector. The Clerk will prepare an inventory for valuation, using that recorded in previous Minutes as a base. It was noted that the allotments land is owned by the Council.

The Clerk will prepare draft outturn accounts for the current year, together with a draft budget for discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Moyle expressed the view that it is not good practice to carry forward a significant surplus. Charnwood require our precept by 27th January. There were no apparent unusual income or expenditure items to be taken into account.

11 MISCELLANEOUS

11.1 LAPLC Meeting 17.12.96. Noted



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11.2 Circulation to Councillors of General Interest Material. After discussion it was agreed that henceforth such material would be circulated thus; Mr Oakland/Mrs Saunders/Mr Minkley/Mr Brewin/Mrs Pickford/Mr Topham/return to the Clerk. Mrs Spicer/Mr Moyle/final return to the Clerk.

11.3 Clerk's Contract of Employment. It was agreed that the Clerk should draft a Contract for approval, based on recommended standard terms.

11.4 Burial Ground. Mrs Saunders advised that the lock on the gate is again broken. It was agreed to investigate a better arrangement, such as a drop over fastener. with Peter Shaw.

11.5 Lion's Head Fountain. By invitation, an elector asked what could be done to preserve this fountain as a centrepiece of Burton village. He has observed that the stonework is deteriorating. The Clerk was requested to check the Listed status of the fountain and to make appropriate enquiries.

12 PRESS RELEASE

It was agreed that henceforth the Clerk would prepare this as appropriate after each meeting.

13 CHEQUES

A cheque in favour of K.W. Davies for £25.41, expenses, was authorised and signed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 p.m.



LAPLC Seminar on Audit Notices and the Presentation of Annual Accounts

1. K. Topham and K. Davies attended this seminar on the new Audit and Accounts Regulations, at Southfields on 2nd December.
2. Although the new regulations become effective only on 1st April 1997, they will be applied to the 1996/97 accounting year which will be finalised after that date.
3. We fall into the middle of three categories, that for Councils with income between £5,000 and £500,000.
4. We are required to produce an Income and Expenditure Account (instead of a Receipts and Payments Account as before), a Balance Sheet and a 'supporting statement'.
5. The Income and Expenditure Account means that, for the first time, we must take account of accruals and prepayments, debtors and creditors. This means, for example, that insurance which we pay in September for a twelve month period encompassing two financial years must be allocated pro rata between them; effectively part of the premium is a prepayment for the following year.

It was said that only amounts of £100 or more would be considered material in this context, but there were conflicting views and this needs clarification.

6. The Balance Sheet will include fixed assets, e.g. property, equipment, furniture etc. Their approximate value is to be shown on the 'supporting statement'. In the first place, we shall need an inventory of all such assets. It was suggested that insured values might be appropriate, or historic cost if known, or replacement cost. There was a lack of clarity, nor was it clear whether a basis of annual depreciation should be established.

It was suggested that land which has no development value, e.g. a cemetery or playing field could be valued at £1000 per acre. There was conflicting advice that a nominal £1 might be acceptable for a burial ground. Allotments could be at market value; it is for the Council to decide.

N B What is the position of our Village Hall, Playing Field, Burial Ground, Allotments, i.e. who owns them? If it is the Parish Council, then it seems that their accounts will have to be consolidated with ours.

7. The Council must appoint a Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) to be responsible for the Accounts. This can be the Parish Clerk, but does not have to be.
8. The Accounts and statement must be made available for inspection by electors "at a reasonable sum". It is for the Council to fix this sum.
9. As a consequence of all this, audit fees will be increased by 40p, to £22.90 per hour from November 1996.

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Mr K. Topham

Mr K. W. Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R. Shields (Borough Councillor)
Three Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Messrs Brewin and Moyle.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting, 14th October, were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Photocopier (Item 3). Mr Brewin has advised the Clerk that he understands that there will be a sale of secondhand/repossessed office equipment at Granby Halls, Leicester, probably on 29th November. The Clerk was authorised to obtain a cut price copier, if possible.

B676 Resurfacing (Item 8.2). This was completed to schedule. The Clerk was instructed to thank the County Council for carrying out this work but to ask whether it is complete as regards the kerbing and sidewalk.

'Local Council Administration' by C. Arnold Baker. The latest edition of this work was ordered following the last meeting, and has now been received.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

Mrs Saunders had now received a quotation for maintenance of the Playing Field from County Direct Services totalling £802.50 for the summer season. This is based on 15 weekly cuts at £44.50, plus monthly strimming at £19.50

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and an additional £7. 50 for the play area. This compares with the last quotation from Tom Wright of £900.00. The like for like comparison would be £1249.00 but County Direct provide all equipment which would enable the PFA to sell the existing mower. Mrs Saunders will check with David Upton whether the mower is likely to need expensive maintenance on an ongoing basis, and will also ask Tom Wright to quote for 1997.

The new doors were fitted to the garage on Saturday 2nd November. The cost was £506.38, excluding VAT, which was paid in advance, authority having been obtained as prescribed at the last Council Meeting. An insurance claim has been lodged and acknowledged, the Insurers pointing out that an excess of £75 applies, should the claim be approved.

5 VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Pickford advised that curtains are being selected as part of the improvement scheme.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/96/01380/2 - erection of agricultural store at Cliff Farm, Burton (Bailey). This application comes under the General Permitted Development Order, known as a "deemed permission" development. Our comments were required by 16th October and following discussion with the Chairman, and clarifications from Charnwood Planning Department, it was decided to leave the matter to the Borough Council to decide.

Caravans at Cotes. As yet Mr Shields has no definite response to the query raised at the last meeting.

Manor Farm, Cotes. A letter from Charnwood Planning dated 4th November was read advising that the conservatory at Manor Farm was granted Listed Building Consent on 1st November 1993 and is therefore authorised.

7 THE COMMON/TRAVELLERS

Notes on the meeting with frontagers on 21st October had been circulated with the agenda. Since then the domestic rubbish had been piled high in two heaps, presumably by frontagers. The commercial scrap was still strewn around.

Community Services are unwilling to provide labour for clearance. The Environment Agency are trying to contact the Duke of Somerset to persuade him to take action. They understand that Michelmores no longer act as Agents for the Duke which may explain why we have had no response to

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our letter to them. A letter dated 25th October from Geoffrey Henshall, Director of Legal and Environmental Services, Charnwood Borough Council, was read as a result of which it was decided not to pursue the possibility of renting or leasing the common land from the Duke.

A letter dated 1st November from Charnwood Housing and Public Services was of little help and, despite our urgings, contained no reference to the proposed multi-agency approach. The Clerk will reply again requesting that this approach be adopted. All other possible sources of help will be pursued and Mr T. Eggleston will be advised of progress, such as it is, to date. It was felt that there is no more that the Parish Council can do at this time.

8 ENVIRONMENT

8.1 Dangerous tree at 40 Wymeswold Lane. The County tree inspector has advised that, as there is no risk of this tree falling onto the highway, they have no responsibility. In her view, this tree falls within the boundaries of 40 Wymeswold Lane and is thus the responsibility of the property owner.

8.2 St Philips Road walkway. Chris Buckingham of Charnwood Planning advises that he has spoken to Alan Barker, Leisure Services Manager, who would be happy to adopt this land. They are attempting to resolve the issue with Balfour Beatty.

8.3 Woodland Off St Philips Road to rear of Greyhound Inn, Mr Buckingham advises that the small area adjacent to the road has been adopted and the Borough Council should keep it clear of dangerous trees. Further in, the land is owned, he believes, by a farmer who is therefore responsible for its upkeep.

8.4 Tree at Huntingdon Close. Mr Buckingham has referred this dead tree to Julian Simpson of the County Forestry Section.

8.5 Cedar Trees, Hall Drive. Mr Buckingham advised that, since there was no apparent threat to these trees, some of which are not in the best of condition, it might be best to take no action. It was agreed to follow this advice.

8.6 Signs for Brook Street Footpath. There being no clear need for these signs at present, it was decided not to place an order.

8.7 Noise nuisance from Wymeswold Airfield. Mrs Pickford has been involved in this issue, the noise emanating from cars competing on the airfield. Simon Packe-Drury-Lowe now has a noise meter. If there are any

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further complaints Mrs Pickford has the telephone number to get the noise-monitored.

8.8 Poultry Farm. Electors present requested news of developments and the Chairman gave a summary from the last Minutes. Mr Bagueley in particular had not had a reply from Charnwood and Mr Shields will follow this up on his behalf. The Clerk will write to Mr Fisk for an update on the situation.

8.9 Stanford Lane, Cotes - weight restriction. Mrs Spicer advised that the problem of oversized trucks using Stanford Lane as a short cut persists. It was decided that the Clerk would apply for a weight restriction to be placed on this lane.

9 WAYMARKING

Mrs Saunders advised that a letter dated 14th October had been received from the County Council concerning Parish Grants for Footpaths and Bridleways. Whilst this will be of interest to us, it was agreed that the pending local diversions need to be finalised first.

10 LOCAL PLAN

Our original comments have been reconfirmed, as required by the Borough Council, and this has been acknowledged.

11 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Current Account/Business Reserve stands at £ 7830.43 and the Capital Reserve at £21,356.95.

VAT totalling £255.80 has been reclaimed on the first six months, and this should be repaid imminently.

12 WATER SUPPLY

It was agreed to go ahead with the water supply to the allotments and to advise the Allotment Society accordingly. Severn Trent will be advised that we intend to go ahead next year. The matter will be placed on the February agenda when a decision regarding the contractors to be used to connect to the Severn Trent excavation will need to be taken.

13 MISCELLANEOUS

13.1. A presentation on Policing in Charnwood, of which short notice was received, unfortunately clashed with today's Council Meeting

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13.2. A training seminar is to be held at Southfields, Loughborough on the new Audit and Accounts Regulations. Messrs Topham and Davies will attend.

13.3. The Audit Commission advise that they are proposing Coopers and Lybrand to be auditors for financial year 1996/7, the appointment normally being for a five year period, subject to quality control review. The hourly audit fees are not affected. The Council had no objection to this appointment.

13.4. Notices regarding Charnwood Borough Christmas events were read.

13.5. Notice of a Rural Development Commission Conference on the Impact of the Peace Dividend on Rural England was read. It was agreed that attendance was not appropriate.

13.6. The Borough Council had sent a discussion document 'Action for a Better Charnwood' with a supply of questionnaires. It was felt that these were best directed to the School.

13.7. In response to his request for guidance, the Clerk was asked to prepare a draft budget, following the same procedures and timetable as last year.

13.8. Mrs Saunders advised that her husband would be unable to attend the Police/Community Consultative Committee meeting on 26th November. Mr Minkley will advise the Clerk if he is able to attend.

13.9. Mrs Saunders also advised that there are to be four day courses to train community volunteers in Emergency Planning. It was decided not to pursue this.


14 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover news of the Environment Agency involvement with the Duke of Somerset and our pressure for a multi agency approach to the problems of the Common, and advice regarding the water supply to the allotments.

15 CHEQUES

It was reported that the following cheques had been signed since the last meeting, in accordance with decisions taken then:

Nucrete Ltd	£ 595.00	garage doors
LAPLC	32.50	reference book



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The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Severn Trent Water	£ 46.85	water, pavilion
K. W. Davies	82.49	expenses

On completion of business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

K. W. Davies

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Mr K. W. Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R. Shields (Borough Councillor)
One Local Government Elector

1 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Mrs Pickford and Mr Brewin

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, 9th September, were amended by the substitution of "will" for "had been" in Line 1 of Item 4, and by the insertion of "to the Police" after "reported" in the last line of Item 12.8. They were then signed as a true and correct record by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Gratuity, Mrs G G Skinner (Item 12.9) The Chairman's letter enclosing the gratuity cheque was read, along with a letter of thanks from the former Clerk. Councillors were shown an engraved pen set, a personal gift from them to Mrs Skinner.

Photocopier (Item 12.11). Mr Brewin has confirmed to the Clerk that he hopes to be able to locate a suitable secondhand photocopier before long.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

Mrs Saunders reported an attempted break-in to the garage last night. The intruders had been disturbed and the Police called out. It appears that nothing has been taken though there is considerable damage to the door. The supplier, Nucrete, had not responded to earlier requests to quote for a new door. They have now been asked to deal with this as a matter of urgency, given the security and safety risk with the door in its present

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condition (smaller items e.g. lawn mowers have been removed to the pavilion for security). They will provide a quotation without delay and can fit the new double doors, which will be of conventional wooden type, on Wednesday 30th October. In view of the urgency of the matter, the Clerk will seek approval from Councillors once the quotation is received and place the order for delivery on that date. The Clerk will also investigate the insurance cover for the damage.

County Direct Services have not responded to our invitation to quote for maintenance of the field. They have been contacted again and have promised to visit the field prior to quoting. Mrs Saunders will also contact Charnwood Borough for a quotation.

5 VILLAGE HALL

A reply from the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee to the Clerk's response following the last meeting was read. No action is called for until we hear from them again.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

96/01149/2 - Warehouse at Wymeswold Industrial Park.

Correspondence with Charnwood Planning Department had been circulated with the agenda. It was decided to oppose the application as being contrary to the North Wolds Plan and on traffic grounds.

96/01078/2 - erection of bungalow at 40 Wymeswold Lane (Peberdy). Following contact with Burton Councillors between Council Meetings, the Clerk had advised Charnwood that there is no objection to this application.

95/1516/2 - land at Sowters Lane (Scottorn). Similarly, the Clerk advised Charnwood that there is no objection to this renewed application. However, we have now been advised that, following refusal of the original request by Charnwood, the Planning Inspectorate has received an appeal which will be dealt with at an inquiry.

96/01265/2 - change of use of land and buildings, Holly Lodge Farm (Pickavant). This has appeared in the 9th October edition of List of Applications Registered. It was decided to take no action.

Caravans at Cotes. It has been noted that some of these appear to be becoming at least semi permanent. Mr Shields is pursuing with Charnwood Planning.

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7 ENVIRONMENT

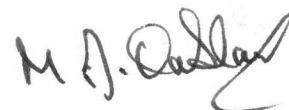
7.1 Travellers on the Common. There had been a considerable deterioration since the last meeting although it appeared that the last of the travellers had now left. There were considerable quantities of household and commercial waste strewn around the Common and in the brook adjoining. Several letters had been received from residents of Burton and an alarmist front page story had appeared in the 'Trader' newspaper. Approaches had been made to the Police, who whilst sympathetic felt unable to help, and to the Head of Environmental Health Services at Charnwood who had little positive to suggest although informing us that the Director of Housing and Public Services is hoping to set up a working party in order to take a multi-agency approach to the problems at both Wymeswold and Burton. A letter to the Agent of the Duke of Somerset has brought forth no response.

A full debate took place in which an elector, Mr James Davies, was invited to participate. He said that some of the travellers had been asked if they would place their rubbish in a skip if one was provided and they had said that they would. There was a danger though that this would be seen as acceptance of their right to camp there. Mr Shields advised that Wymeswold are considering whether a permanent site might be provided. It might be possible to persuade White's or Severn Trent to deposit slurry to prevent access.

The following actions were decided upon:

- Those farmers who front the affected area will be invited to meet with Councillors on Monday next, 21st October with a view to exchanging ideas about the twin problems of clearing up after the recent encampment and preventing the same thing happening again.
- Mrs Saunders will approach the Leicestershire Community Service Dept who may be able to provide a squad for clearance.
- Mr Moyle suggested an approach to the Environment Agency who may be able to enforce action by the County or Borough Authorities.
- The Clerk will reply suitably to those who have written expressing concern.
- we shall press Charnwood to action the multi-agency approach.

7.2 Dangerous Tree at 40 Wymeswold Lane. This has been reported to the County Highways Department. A response is awaited following their inspection.



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7.3 New Road Layout A letter was read from the County Council indicating a probable December start.

7.4 Poultry Farm. Mr Shields advised that a meeting took place today between Charnwood officials and Padleys. Their lease has 18 months to run and they intend to renew it and continue existing operations. They say they have carried out improvements and have been asked to quantify these. They are satisfied they have a good local Manager now and ask that he should be advised immediately of any perceived problems. There are 15/18,000 birds in the older units and no intention to close these. The Borough Council indicated their willingness to join financially with Padleys in an ADAS survey at a cost of £ 600. A sub Committee may be set up to include the Chairman and two others from the Parish Council. Mr. Shields made available a letter from the Head of Environmental Health Services to Mr D F Bagueley of St Leonards Close.

7.5 B676 Resurfacing. A Press Release, received today, indicates that the road closure to the West of Burton will commence on Monday 21st October and last approx two weeks.

7.6 St Philips Road walkway. Charnwood Planning say that maintenance of this amenity is a grey area which does not seem to have been defined after the original landscaping was carried out by the builders. If we can advise whom the builders were, they will take it up. In fact it was Clark Homes, now acquired by Balfour Beatty and the Clerk will advise accordingly.

Charnwood had advised, whilst discussing the above, that the area opposite, leading to the back of the Greyhound Inn, was adopted earlier this year. More information is required.

Information is also required from Charnwood regarding the previous request for a preservation order on the cedar trees in Hall Drive, Burton.

A letter has been received from Mr Horace Weedon requesting replacement of a young tree which has died, at the foot of Huntingdon Close. This too will be referred to Charnwood.

7.7 Signs for Brook Street Footpath. Deferred until next meeting.

8 LOCAL PLAN

There have been no further developments as yet.

M. J. O'Sullivan

9 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Half year Accounts were presented and accepted.

The previous practice has been to claim back VAT only at the year end. It was agreed to claim in future at any month end once a refundable amount of £100 has been reached, in order to benefit from interest at the Bank.

Cornhill Insurance have made it a condition of their fidelity cover that the Chairman should check the Cash Book entries monthly.

10 WATER SUPPLY TO ALLOTMENTS AND BURIAL GROUND

The Audit Commission at Solihull have confirmed verbally that it is within the Council's authority to install a water supply to allotments. The Clerk was asked to obtain written confirmation of this, and also that the Burial Ground supply is similarly covered.

An affirmative reply was received from the Allotment Society to our request for confirmation that a high level of occupancy can be expected following installation of a water supply, and to our request for assistance, if required, in digging a trench for the pipework.

Quotes were to hand from two contractors for installation of pipes and taps to link with the Severn Trent work, but a final decision was deferred pending clarification of issues relating to travellers on the Common, for whom this would provide a convenient water supply.

11 MISCELLANEOUS

11.1 Request for information from Loughborough Herald ('Trader'). It was decided to advise only that Council Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, August/June.

11.2 Police Call Handling Service. A circular giving details of this improved service was read.

11.3 'Local Council Administration' by C. Arnold Baker. The Clerk was authorised to purchase the latest edition of this Handbook, the Council's present volume being out of date.

12 PRESS RELEASE

It was clarified that the normal procedure is for Mr Moyle to prepare the material for the 'Link' which the Clerk will then pass over to Dr Evans. Items this month to include news of the Travellers (Including our approaches to the



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Duke of Somerset as the landowner, and to the Environment Agency), and the mini roundabout and road scheme news.

13 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

T. Wright	£ 198.33	maintenance - 3rd payment
R. Saunders	£ 24.98	gift for previous Clerk
K. W. Davies	£ 343.05	salary and expenses

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.45 p.m.

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In attendance: Mr R. Shields (Borough Councillor)
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The Vice Chairman opened the meeting by reading a note of thanks from the former clerk, Mrs Skinner, for the flowers and chocolates presented to her.

1 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Messrs Oakland and Brewin.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were amended by the substitution of "suggested" for "advised" in Item 7.5, then confirmed as a true record and signed by the Acting Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Travellers (Item 7.7) There had been no incidents reported involving the travellers presently on the Common Land alongside the B676.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

Mrs Saunders advised that a gap in the hedge on Barrow Road ^{will} ~~had been~~ filled in. An estimate for the garage door was still awaited. County Direct Services will quote for cutting the field after a forthcoming site visit.

A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Cricket Club in response to the letter from Mr Andrews of Towles Fields regarding the sight screen. In a long letter the Club disagreed that there had been four incidents this season but apologised that there had been any at all. They advised the measures they were taking to avoid any recurrence. The Clerk will convey this in a response to Mr Andrews.

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A Statement of expenses on the Pavilion and Playing Field over the last two full years and this year to date was circulated and discussed. A copy is appended to the master copy of these Minutes. It was noted that no invoice has yet been received for the clearance of the overgrown areas earlier this year.

5 BURTON VILLAGE HALL

A request has been received from the Village Hall Committee for the Council to contribute at the rate of 12.5% to unspecified improvements to the Village Hall. Mrs Pickford understood that these referred to such things as redecoration and double glazing. The Clerk will reply that whilst in principle the Council is not against such contributions, further details would be needed before approval could be given.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

96/00768/2. Boundary wall at 26 Barrow Road. CBC had written confirming their decision to grant planning permission.

96/01094/2. Extension at 14 St. Philips Road (Mr & Mrs Collins). There was no objection to this application

96/01170/2. Bedroom extension at 2 St Leonards Close (Mr & Mrs Bissett). There was no objection to this application.

The weekly summaries circulated by CBC included erection of a bungalow at 40 Wymeswold Lane and a new warehouse on Wymeswold Industrial Estate. The clerk will obtain full details.

The Clerk asked for guidance with regard to planning applications for which CBC require a response earlier than the date of the next Parish Council meeting. Such cases should be referred to the Chairman for direction.

7 ENVIRONMENT

Mr Minkley advised that there is a tree in dangerous condition adjacent to 40 Wymeswold Lane. The Clerk will take this up with the tree officer.

A reply had been received from LCC Planning and Transportation to the points raised by Mr Phillipson of 3 Barrow Road regarding the new road layout in Burton Village Centre. The gist of this will be relayed to Mr Phillipson and LCC will be asked when we can expect work to start.

It was agreed that the Council should allow its name to be joined to that

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of the applicants for realignment of footpaths on the Prestwold Estate.

Mr Shields circulated copy of a letter from the CBC Head of Environmental Health to Padleys requesting an early site meeting at the chicken farm.

8 LOCAL PLAN

Our reservations have been acknowledged. No further developments are expected before the CBC meeting next week.

9 LAND AT SOWTERS LANE

After first accepting the Council's invitation to address this meeting, John Holmes of Holmes Antill subsequently declined.

10 WATER SUPPLY

A site meeting had been held with a representative of Severn Trent as a result of which they have quoted £ 475.00 excluding VAT to connect the allotments to the mains supply, and a similar amount to connect the burial ground. Independent contractors will need to complete the connection from the threshold of each site and Severn Trent advise that the cost of that may be as much again.

Mr Minkley advised that authority should be obtained from the District Auditor before incurring this expenditure. The Chairman of the Allotment Society is to be asked for an assurance that a high level of tenure can be expected ongoing if the Council incurs this level of expenditure. The Society will also be asked to assist in ground preparation to defray cost.

A letter from the Steads of Springfield Close was read, in which they support the supply of water to the allotments.

11 VILLAGE APPRAISAL

There has been no response to the appeal in the 'Link' following the last meeting. No further action will be taken.

12 MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 Fire Precautions. Mr Minkley had attended a presentation by the Chief Fire Officer for Leicestershire. The clear numbering of all houses was strongly urged to enable fire appliances to locate premises quickly. All internal doors should be closed at night and when premises are unoccupied to prevent the rapid spread of fire.

12.2 Signs for Brook Street footpath. John Walton & Son of Hathern

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have quoted £ 60.00 plus VAT for the provision of two signs on marine ply. A quote from Loughborough Signs, on aluminium, is awaited. Mrs Saunders suggested that Ron Stokes also be asked to quote.

12.3 NORTH AREA POLICE /COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. The next meeting will be on 24th September. Mr John Saunders attends these meetings on behalf of Burton on the Wolds Neighbourhood Watch. There were no volunteers to attend on behalf of the Council.

12.4 COUNTY SERVICE. This will be held on Sunday 13th October.

12.5 LEISUREPASS. This initiative by Leicester City Council now embraces Charnwood and offers discounts to many leisure activities upon payment of £ 10 per annum. Posters are provided for display.

12.6 TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS. CBC are organising an evening training session. Mr Topham wishes to be nominated and those Councillors not present will also be advised.

12.7 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE. LCC Planning and Transportation are to be asked about progress on the B676 resurfacing.

12.8 STANFORD LANE, COTES. Mrs Spicer advised that heavy lorries are using Stanford Lane as a short cut. She was advised that registration numbers should be recorded, names of owners if displayed, and this information reported with time, date and direction. *to the police*

12.9 GRATUITY, MRS G G SKINNER. Mr Minkley advised that Mrs Skinner is entitled to a retirement gratuity of £ 402.10, calculated on her length of service. It was proposed Mrs Saunders seconded Mr Moyle and carried that a cheque for this amount be written. This will be forwarded to Mrs Skinner with an accompanying letter from the Chairman.

Additionally the Councillors will make a personal gift to Mrs Skinner and Mrs Saunders was entrusted with this.

12.10 WALKWAY, ST PHILIPS ROAD TO SOWTERS LANE. By invitation, an elector asked about maintenance of this area which is overgrown. Enquiries will be made.

12.11 PHOTOCOPIER. Mr Minkley raised the question of obtaining a copier for the Clerk's use. It was felt that a basic desktop model would be useful and the Clerk was asked to advise Mr Brewin, who may have access to second hand models at reasonable price.

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12.12 QUESTIONNAIRES/AUDITS. Several questionnaires of varying complexity had been received from different sources. The Clerk was asked to deal with these in appropriate fashion.

12.13 ELECTORAL AWARENESS. CBC had sent a poster aimed at first time voters. It was decided to ask the Garage to display this during the months of September/October.

13 PRESS RELEASE

Mr Moyle will prepare a Release for the 'Link' covering the fire precautions, LeisurePass and Young Voter issues.

14 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Cornhill Insurance - £ 507.31 (comprising Village Hall £ 327.94 and fragmentation £ 179.37)

G.G. Skinner £ 371.03 (salary/expenses)

The Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES AND PRESTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

PFA and Pavilion Expenditure (excl. VAT)

	<u>PFA</u>	<u>Pavilion</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Year ended March 95</u>			
Mower repairs/parts	188.60		
Loughborough Timber Co	34.47		
Cornhill Insurance: premium	100.00		
Cornhill Insurance: inspection	175.00		
EME		38.13	
Severn Trent		66.15	
SMP Playground - slide	2,129.15		
Totals	<u>2,627.22</u>	<u>104.28</u>	<u>2,731.50</u>

Year ended March 96

mower repairs/parts	339.67		
Cornhill Insurance: premium	102.50		
Cornhill Insurance: inspection	179.37		
EME		103.63	
Severn Trent		134.97	
T. Wright - maintenance	300.00		
Decathlon - safety surfaces	3,669.48		
Record Equipment - swing chains	155.76		
Wolds Prop. Imp. - excavation	140.00		
Totals	<u>4,886.78</u>	<u>238.60</u>	<u>5,125.38</u>

Year ending March 97 (to date)

mower repairs/parts	646.77		
Cornhill Insurance: premium	102.50		
EME		27.76	
Severn Trent		68.23	
Royal Label - plaques	66.50		
P. Shaw - fencing	408.21		
Totals	<u>1,223.98</u>	<u>95.99</u>	<u>1,319.97</u>

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MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Monday 12th August 1996 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr M Oakland (Chairman)
Mr. D. Minkley (Vice Chairman)
Mr. G. Brewin
Mrs M. Pickford
Mr. R. Moyle
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

Mrs G G Skinner (outgoing Clerk)
Mr K W Davies (incoming Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Mrs D Goodman (County Councillor)
One Local Government Elector

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Mr Davies to his first meeting as Parish Clerk and by thanking Mrs Skinner for her service in that role. All members joined in expressing thanks and good wishes to Mrs Skinner for the future.

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, 10th June 1996, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Poultry Farm (Item 8). Mr Minkley had spoken to Mr Elliott and learned that burning plastic was not the problem. In fact two young men had rented property on Souters Lane and it appeared that in the capacity of scrap merchants they were burning materials including rubber in a furnace 2/3 times weekly. They have now gone.

Mr Shields placed before the meeting correspondence between Padley's and Charnwood Environmental Health Services regarding the dust and smell problems. Mr Brewin now understood that the "dust" was in fact powdered skin which raised further health questions. Mr Shields is pressing for closure of the older sheds and Mr Fisk of Environmental Health

Services has taken this up with Padley's.

Planning Applications (Item 6).

Mr Shields passed over to the meeting a copy of the Planning Inspectorate decision to dismiss the appeal by Mr L W Pickavant in respect of Holly Lodge Farm.

Environment (Item 7.3) The Chairman confirmed that rat traps had been installed in appropriate places around the brook.

4 **BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION**

Mrs Saunders advised that the play equipment has now been painted. There is no progress as yet regarding the garage doors. The fencing work has been completed satisfactorily. A letter of complaint has been received from Mr Andrews of Towles Fields regarding the sightscreen. The Cricket Club will be asked for their comments so that the matter can be considered at the next meeting. Mr Minkley asked that the cricket club consider turning the pitches around 90 degrees. Repairs to the tractor/mower cost £759.95. £ 40.80 is to be paid by Loughborough Rangers FC as their contribution, direct to the Council. Mr Topham asked for a summary of total costs for the field/equipment over the last two years. Mrs Saunders will endeavour to obtain comparative costs for maintenance at Wymeswold.

5 **BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

There was nothing to report.

6 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P/96/010109/2. Mr R Granger, extension to side/rear of 3 Springfield Close, Burton. No objection.

P/96/00768/2. Mr & Mrs Muston, boundary wall at 26 Barrow Road, Burton. Mr Shields advised that Charnwood had approved this application without amendment. Formal advice is awaited.

Mr Topham made it clear that he disassociated himself from the objection raised by this Council at the last meeting. He believes that the Mustons had acted responsibly and correctly and at considerable cost to themselves, having consulted the planning authority and incorporated the old bricks. The Chairman said that the council had understood that the walls must be maintained in their original form. Mr Topham said that this was not in fact correct, it was required only that the Planning Authority be satisfied. The view was expressed that the Council had acted according to the information available to it at the last meeting.

7 ENVIRONMENT

7.1 Listed Buildings. Advice has been received from the Charnwood Department of Planning and Building Control of the following provisionally listed buildings in our area:

former school, Loughborough Road
Manor Farm, Barrow Road (south side)
Bandalls Farm, Cotes Road
Methodist Chapel, Melton Road (north side)
Cliff House Farm, Melton Road
Woodside Cottage, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold
Emonon, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold
Honeysuckle Cottage, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold
Home Farm, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold
Prestwold Hall, and, at Prestwold Hall:

Church of St Andrew
Garden Walls
Stable Block
Laundry Cottage
Lodge and Gates
North Lodge
Sunday School House

4 Barrow Road, Burton
Fountain, Main Street (Melton Road), Burton
Lodge and Gates, Main Street (Melton Road), Burton
Burton Hall, Main Street (Melton Road), Burton
School House, Nottingham Road, Burton
19 Prestwold Road (Loughborough Road), Burton
32-34 Seymour Road, Burton
Burton Bandalls Farmhouse, off Loughborough Road, Burton
Cotes Bridge, Nottingham Road, Cotes
Hall Farmhouse, Stanford Lane, Cotes
Manor Farmhouse, Stanford Lane, Cotes
Remains of Old Hall, Stanford Lane, Cotes

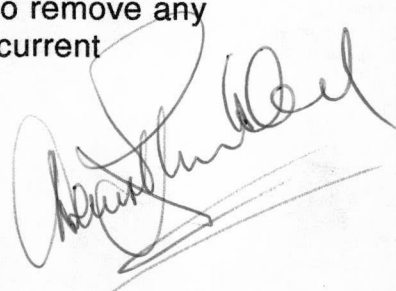
NB Cotes Bridge also includes the deserted mediaeval village, Scheduled Ancient Monument.

There was no adverse comment and no action required.

7.2 Neighbourhood Watch. PC Hewitt had left circulars with the outgoing Parish Clerk.

7.3 Severn Trent Water. Advice has been received that renewal work is anticipated to start in November in Wymeswold Lane and also to remove any unnecessary older mains from service. They apologise for the current

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unsatisfactory service.

- 7.4 **Street Lighting.** The Parish Councils Association relayed an advice from LCC Planning and Transportation that 290 concrete columns throughout the County have been found to be corroded and dangerous, and will have to be replaced once finances have been made available. There is no indication in this advice of where the offending columns are located.
- 7.5 **Litter Bins.** Mrs Saunders ^{suggested} ~~advised~~ that a litter bin is to be located at Huntingdon Close. This will have to be relocated from elsewhere, probably Barrow Road.
- 7.6 **Footpaths on Prestwold Estate.** Mrs Saunders advised that the realignment has been delayed due to additional planning requirements.
- 7.7 **Travellers.** There has been some vandalism in Souters Lane believed to emanate with Travellers/itinerants in the vicinity.

8 LOCAL PLAN

Following the Special Meeting held on 5th August, it was decided to support the plan subject to reservations detailed in the document appended to these Minutes which was submitted to Charnwood BC. Mr Shields advised that Charnwood may have to resubmit or revalidate the Plan due a technical error.

9 LAND AT SOWTERS LANE

A letter from John Holmes of Holmes Antill was read. It was decided to invite Mr Holmes to address the next meeting.

10 WATER SUPPLY TO ALLOTMENTS AND BURIAL GROUND

Severn Trent have sent forms for completion and offered a site meeting. It was decided to take up this offer, the meeting to be attended by Mrs Saunders, Mr Minkley and Mr Topham.

11 APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNOR

Mr Topham volunteered to succeed Mr Minkley and this was endorsed by the meeting. LCC to be advised accordingly.

12 RENTED ACCOMMODATION AT TOWLES FIELDS

It was confirmed that Janet McNulty has already been listed.

13 CLERK'S SALARY REVIEW

The NALC recommended increase from £1529 to £1573 p.a. was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried unanimously. It is backdated to 1st April 1996.

14 MISCELLANEOUS

14.1 **CBC Economic Development Programme.** Circulated

14.2 **Civic Open Day, 14 -15.9.96.** Circular to be exhibited on Notice Board

14.3 **Mayoress' Reception 14.8.96.** Noted

14.4 **LRCC Village Appraisal Pamphlet.** To be included in 'Link' column, with request for volunteers.

14.5 **LRCC Village Ventures Competition.** Noted.

15 PRESS RELEASE

A tribute to the outgoing Parish Clerk, Severn Trent main renewal proposals and the Village Appraisal to be included

16 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Andrew Granger - waymarking £ 150.00

CBC - footway lighting £ 21.94

T. Wright - maintenance etc £ 228.33

G G Skinner - phone/expenses £ 91.12

D & P D Upton - mower repairs £ 759.95

Cheque signed since last meeting:

P Shaw - fence playing field £ 408.21

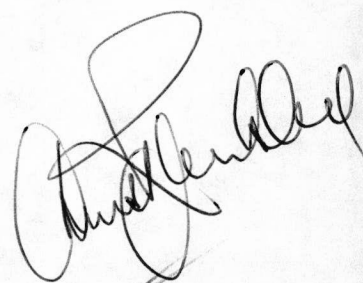
Mrs Saunders' request that £300 payment to T. Wright for playing field maintenance be made from the £1500 PFA allocation was agreed.

17 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- address by John Holmes (to be confirmed)
- Playing Field costs

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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8 August 1996

The Director of Administrative & Contract Services
Charnwood Borough Council
Southfields
LOUGHBOROUGH
Leics LE11 2TX

Dear Sir

**Borough of Charnwood Local Plan
Land at Brook Street, Burton on the Wolds**

With regard to the above, we support the plan, in principal, but there are certain reservations which are put forward in the following comments:

We endorse the statements in the Policy Statement H/1 (d) and would like to see these implemented. However, it should be noted that the site has been the subject of 2 previous planning applications and also the subject of a Public Inquiry and to date, no planning applications have been granted.

We would refer you to a letter from the Planning Inspectorate dated 30 August 1989, reference T/APP/X2410/A/87/64902/P3, and in particular paragraph 11 which refers to the visual aspect of the site; this should be closely adhered to. With this in mind, we would require to see paragraph H/1 (d) (v) extended to include all the steeply sloping land above Brook Street, noting that the correct postal address is 36-38A Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds. It is considered that the extension should be from 48 Melton Road to 21 Brook Street. We also believe that any development on the area which might overlook the existing development on Brook Street and Somerset Close should take into account that the existing development is of bungalow type dwellings and any new development should be low level to fit in with the surroundings. It is assumed that the hedgerow would be maintained?

With regard to paragraph H/1 (d)(i) the Council believes that in designing the access from Melton Road to the site, cognizance should be taken of the recent discussions which have taken place between the Parish Council and the Department of Planning & Transportation and that all the points discussed with a view to traffic calming measures should be fully implemented; to this end we feel that the access should be positioned at the far easterly end of the site to enable the enhanced area to remain (at present this area is at the entrance to the pig farm).

The development site is close to the point where traffic accelerates out of the village and this would inevitably be a danger to pedestrians. The Council would like some additional traffic calming measures imposed to control the situation, taking into account the additional traffic generated by the new development. We would like consideration given to providing a mini roundabout and pedestrian refuge at this point.

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With regard to the brook, residents of Brook Street are concerned about the policies regarding surface water run-off and feel that it is essential this matter should be fully discussed before plans are finalised; Policy Statement EV/36 refers.

When you reply, please address your letter to Mr K W Davies, 20 Springfield Close, Burton on the Wolds, Leics LE12 5AN, who will be taking over as Clerk this month.

We shall look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

G G Skinner
Clerk to the Council

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 10 June 1996, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Mr M Oakland (Chairman)
Mr D Minkley (Vice Chairman)
Mr G Brewin
Mrs M Pickford
Mr R Moyle
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham
Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
One Local Government Elector

Before the meeting began, PC A Hewitt, the newly appointed Principal Beat Officer for the Wolds Villages, addressed members. He had brought along an analysis of the recent traffic monitoring survey undertaken in Burton on the Wolds which he discussed with members. With regard to the proposed mini-roundabout and other additions to the centre of Burton, he said that the police had recommended removable street furniture in order to accommodate wide loads. He then moved on to local crime figures; lists were circulated and PC Hewitt added some interesting anecdotes in relation to these.

The Chairman thanked him for his visit.

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Traffic Copies of a letter from Dr Evans were circulated in which he put forward a suggestion for a mini-roundabout at the bottom of Sowter's Lane. Members were not in favour of this and had other ideas to facilitate traffic safety which would be kept on hold until it became clear whether there were going to be further housing developments in the village. The Clerk was asked to reply to Dr Evans.

M. G. Oakland

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

4.1 **Fencing** Mrs Saunders said that the PFA would like permission to order safety fencing costing £436.60 for the playing field and gave details of the layout which was aimed to safeguard small children. Mr Brewin said that he would like to see a plan of the proposed fencing. The Chairman asked that the opinion of local residents should be ascertained. It was agreed that the work should be put in hand and the Council would fund the project. Mrs Saunders also said that John Pepper would be asked if the public could access the footpath to Barrow Road from the playing field.

4.2 **Garage** The existing single garage door was unsatisfactory in that it made it difficult to access both the mower and the roller. It was also insecure; the up and over type had proved unsatisfactory. The Clerk would enquire the cost of a new double door.

5 VILLAGE HALL

At the recent annual general meeting Colin Betts, David Wheeler, Trisha Searson and Gladys Skinner had stood down as officers. The new officers were Fiona Malekpour (Chairman), Diana Edmonds (Vice Chairman), Jenny Ward (Treasurer), and Frances Walker (Secretary).

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/96/00392/2 Torchrise Ltd Display of non illuminated sign on gable of building 3.3 m x 1.2 m Industrial Unit, Back Lane, Cotes. There was no objection provided that the sign met with the planning requirements for the area.

P/96/00768/2 Mr & Mrs Muston Re-erection of part of boundary wall (Variation of condition 33 of PP) 26 Barrow Road, Burton on the Wolds. There was considerable local concern regarding this application and the Chairman read letters from Mr & Mrs Hughes and Mrs Thorpe in which they pointed out that the retention and maintenance of the wall was a condition of the planning consent for No 26 Barrow Road and that the conditions applied to all of the remaining wall and its owners. If consent were to be given to this request a precedent would be set for the removal of other parts of the wall. These old peach walls was of historic and architectural interest. The Council agreed to support the objections.

Town & Country Planning 1990: Appeal by L W Pickavant Site at Holly Lodge Farm, 281 Narrow Lane, Burton on the Wolds. There was no comment on this appeal.

There was no objection to the following applications:

P/96/00693/2 Mr I T Sleath Extension to side and rear of semidetached house for carport and garage and first floor 2 bedrooms, 15 Seymour Road, Burton on the Wolds

M. G. O'Sullivan

P/96/00393/2 Torchrise Ltd Siting of temporary offices (28 sq m) to front of Industrial Unit, Back Lane, Cotes

7 ENVIRONMENT

Three matters were reported:

7.1 **Bollard** A concrete bollard had been knocked down at the top of the alleyway to Huntingdon Close. The Clerk would report this.

7.2 **Sign** The Brook Street sign required replacement. The Clerk had reported this to the Borough Council some months ago and would follow it up.

7.3 **Rats** There were rats in the brook. The Chairman would take this up.

8 POULTRY FARM

Mr Shields had spoken to Robin Fisk and asked him to contact the Poultry Farm Manager and local householders. He was also in touch with the owner's Agent. The owner was keen to put in a planning application for the land on which the farm stood and would like to know if this would have the support of the Parish Council. Mr Shields had also mentioned to the Agent the matter of the decrepit sheds. Mr Shields was hoping to see the agent shortly and also to get a reply from Robin Fisk.

Mr Brewin had received a telephone call from the Borough Council regarding the names and addresses of local complainants. He gave the Clerk a list. He said that the new Manager was trying to improve matters but was concerned to point out that the caravans at Sowter's Lane were nothing to do with the farm. The Manager had also said that the fumes from burning wood and plastic had been caused by a Mr Elliott. Mr Minkley would have a word with Mr Elliott. With regard to the rubbish dumped on the farmland, Mr Brewin would help the Manager to clear it up and would speak to the householders concerned.

9 WATER SUPPLY TO ALLOTMENTS AND BURIAL GROUND

Mr Topham outlined the case for a water supply to the above and thought it reasonable that the Council pay for the cost of installation and the water rate. It was proposed by Mr Topham, seconded by Mr Minkley and agreed unanimously to obtain costs for a water supply; it was noted that hoses should not be used.

10 WAYMARKING

A letter had been received from Andrew Granger & Co, acting for the Prestwold Settled Estates, requesting a contribution towards the costs of an application for the diversion of 4 footpaths and for the creation of a new bridleway. Mrs Saunders had attended a site meeting and gave details of the plan. It was agreed unanimously to make a contribution of £150.



11 LEICESTERSHIRE STRUCTURE PLAN

The Plan was still in circulation.

12 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

The Clerk had made a sudden decision to retire from her position. The Chairman gave the gist of her letter which gave the reasons for her decision and a request to leave on 31 July. The Chairman and Mr Minkley paid tribute to the Clerk's efficiency; Mr Minkley also said that a good Clerk was worth more than a good Councillor. Mrs Saunders added her comments and said how appreciative she had been of the Clerk's help when she took over the Chair. Mrs Spicer expressed her regrets. Mr Minkley asked if the Clerk would postpone her retirement until 31 August in order for a changeover to take place with the person who would be appointed from 1 August. The Council would pay 2 salaries for one month. This was agreed.

The post had been advertised in the 'Loughborough Echo'; there was a notice on the board and it would be put in 'The Link'; one application had already been received. Arrangements would be made for interviews to be held in July.

13 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

13.1 **School Governor** Mr Minkley had completed his term of office as School Governor. He gave some interesting details of his term and asked that this item be brought forward to the next meeting when he hoped that another Council member would take over the Governorship.

13.2 **LRCC** The annual general meeting would be on 11 June.

13.3 **Audit Commission** New regulations had been received, to take effect in the next financial year which included an income and expenditure account and balance sheet. The annual audit would be held on 30 July.

13.4 **Borough Council** An invitation had been received for a 'behind the scenes' tour on 14 June. Messrs Minkley and Topham would attend.

13.5 **Birthday** Mr Minkley said that George Hawes (a previous Chairman of the Council), would be 90 on 19 June. The Clerk would send a card from the Council.

13.5 **British Gypsum** Mr Topham said that the Liaison Committee had agreed that further meetings were unnecessary at the present time; the structure would remain in place if the Parish Councils, for whose benefit the meetings were conducted, felt the need to reconvene.

14 PRESS RELEASE

This would include an item on the Exhibition of the Local Plan on 29 July and an advertisement for the post of Clerk.

15 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

DS Garden Construction - final payment £98
LAPLC - notices of audit £1.84
G G Skinner - salary and expenses £506.84

Cheque signed since last meeting:

Cornhill Insurance for PFA Public Liability £102.50

16 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There would be a July break and the next meeting would be on 12 August, apart from the interviewing panel in July. An additional item would be the appointment of School Governor.

The meeting ended at 10.10 pm.



MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 13 May 1996, at 7.50 pm.

Present:

Mr M Oakland (Chairman)
Mr D Minkley (Vice Chairman)
Mr G Brewin
Mrs M Pickford
Mr R Moyle
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham
Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Eight Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Mrs Saunders.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record after amendments to minute 6, pages 2047 and 2048 dictated by Mr Brewin (who likened the Clerk's style of reporting to tabloid journalism), were made, and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Mr Brewin said that he was not happy with the format of the meetings; he would like to see a proposer, seconder and vote on all motions.

Mr Brewin criticised minute 8.4 page 2039, of the February meeting which stated that it was agreed to place notices regarding dog fouling at Brook Street but did not include the fact that handwritten notices would be put in place until professional ones had been commissioned.

He also said that he wanted to see full details of the accounts in the form of a hard copy. The Clerk said that to print out the full spreadsheet would entail printing out portions and then sellotaping them together, as she had not the facility of a wide carriage printer; she would rather bring the accounts book to meetings for members' inspection. In spite of this, it was agreed that full spreadsheet details should be printed out at six monthly intervals. Mrs Spicer proposed that Mr Brewin should work out a new format for the accounts, this was seconded by Mr Topham and agreed unanimously, with Mr Brewin's agreement.

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3.2 Waymarking The Chairman gave details of a report prepared by Mrs Saunders regarding a blocked path at the end of Seymour Road, H91. This was on a list of rights of way to be extinguished in 1975 but was not brought to a conclusion.

As this path affected the property of Mr & Mrs Everitt-Stewart, who were in attendance, the Chairman asked for their comments. Mr Everitt-Stewart explained that the path ran in front of his kitchen; he and his wife thought that the path had been extinguished when he bought the property. He now found that it would be an expensive process to obtain a diversion and extinguishment. In Mrs Saunders' report she asked if the Council could help with the expense. The Chairman said that the Council would need to seek advice on the matter of a financial contribution. In the meantime it was agreed that it would be helpful to have a meeting with the interested parties on the matter of this footpath and other proposed diversions and extinguishments listed in Mrs Saunders' report. The Chairman proposed that Mrs Saunders should represent the Council at a meeting with Andrew Bamber (Prestwold Estate Manager), Mr & Mrs Everitt-Stewart, Ellen Senior (Countryside Recreation Department), and a representative of the Ramblers' Association; this was seconded by Mr Minkley and agreed unanimously.

3.3 National Spring Clean The Clerk had ascertained that the Scouts had no plans for a litter pick this year; Mr Highton was leaving his position with the Scouts as he was moving house to Quorn.

Mrs Spicer had endeavoured to arouse interest in a litter pick at Cotes. In the event it had taken place with the help of her family and friends only.

3.4 New Road Layout A copy of the plan for a new road layout in the centre of Burton on the Wolds had been published in 'The Link' and parishioners' comments invited. The Clerk had received a phone call from Mr Malcolm Smith of Hall Drive who saw a potential difficulty in accessing the drive when coming from Loughborough. Mr Hemsley of 52 Springfield Close had also telephoned to suggest that the 30 mph sign be moved back towards Loughborough as his household suffered from the noise of traffic travelling at speed. In fact, the Parish Council had suggested this some time ago but had been told that it was not possible under the current regulations. The following letters had been received:

i Mr D Phillipson, 3 Barrow Road, had written with various suggestions for retaining grassed areas, a raised kerb to discourage parking on the pavement, new road markings and for the central island not to be raised. His suggestions would be forwarded to the Department of Planning & Transportation.

ii Dr Evans, Hall Drive, had written to say that he was delighted to learn of the possible construction of a miniroundabout in the centre of Burton and congratulated the Parish Council on persuading the County authorities to consider this measure. He also suggested that a similar miniroundabout would have a very considerable traffic calming effect if constructed at the junction with Sowter's Lane. The Parish Council had

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already considered this possibility but would keep his letter on file for a future date as it was clear that there would be no more finance available for Burton from the County Council in this financial year.

iii Mr & Mrs Atkinson, Barrow Road, had written to say that they thought the plan was most sensible and long overdue.

The Clerk would reply to all the above to thank them for their interest and to answer their comments.

3.5 Traffic Monitoring A letter had been received from Inspector Williams with the results of the traffic monitoring survey which took place over 6 days from 22 March to 27 March. On the final day the cables were broken and no record was made of the traffic passing. He gave details of the results obtained which showed an increase in vehicles passing through the village but an overall slight reduction in speed. He had given the papers to PBO PC Hewitt who would be invited to the next meeting.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

Copies of the annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 1996 were circulated.

The Clerk said that the plaques had been received and put in place.

5 VILLAGE HALL

Copies of the annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 1995 were circulated.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/96/00522/2 Mr & Mrs A Drewery Change of use from grocer's shop to living room, 4 Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds. Comments had to be received by the Planning Department by 9 May; the Clerk had consulted with the Chairman and some other members of the Council and replied to say that there was no objection, although the loss of the Post Office would be regretted.

P/96/00479/2 A C Brown Change of use of 700 sq m of land at rear of farm from agricultural to lorry parking, West View Farm, Wymeswold Lane, Burton on the Wolds. This application also had to be replied to by 9 May and, after consultation with the Chairman and some other members of the Parish Council, the Clerk had replied reminding the Planning Department of the weight limit on Wymeswold Lane and the concern about the number of vehicles using the Industrial Park, which this application would exacerbate.

There was no objection to the following applications:

P/96/00539/2 A Tiplady Extension to rear of detached dormer bungalow for kitchen extension and first floor third bedroom, 3 Brickwood Place, Burton on the Wolds.

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P/96/00595/2 Mr & Mrs Carr Extension to side of detached bungalow for garage and lounge and to other side for kitchen, 27 Somerset Close, Burton on the Wolds.

7 ENVIRONMENT

7.1 Charnwood Design Awards Details had been received.

7.2 Alarm at Brook Street A letter had been received from the Department of Housing and Public services regarding the proposed alarm system. The Chairman would consult with local residents and respond.

7.3 Borough of Charnwood Exhibition Programme Details had been received; the Exhibition of the Charnwood local plan would visit Burton Village Hall on 29 July, 3-9 pm. The Clerk would place an item in 'The Link' to publicise this.

7.4 Notice Board The notice board for the Burial Ground had arrived the Tom Wright had been asked to put it in place.

8 POULTRY FARM

The Clerk had contacted the HSE on the nuisance but had been told that they were not the appropriate body to help. Responses had been received to her letters of 19 April regarding the alleged nuisance from the farm. The Head of Environmental Health Services, Charnwood Borough Council, requested the names of the complainants. Mr Brewin would give these to the Clerk. Mr Hambly, the Divisional Managing Director of Padleys had written a long letter saying that the Manager had been changed as from 18 April 1996 and outlining the proposed improvements. He also asked that the Council deal with the Manager direct. The new Manager, David Campion, had already telephoned the Clerk on 2 occasions and was anxious to be helpful.

Mr Brewin had met with Peter Blitz, Planning Officer, and also with David Campion, and he outlined the measures that the latter would be taking. Mr Campion had also complained to him about rubbish being dumped on the farm land from 2 adjacent houses; Mr Brewin would speak to the householders concerned and the Clerk would write to Mr Campion for further details. Mr Brewin had heard from a resident that there had been plans for the redevelopment of the farm and he enquired of the Chairman whether the Council had seen such plans. The Chairman said that a proposed development had been put forward some time ago but had not gone forward.

Mr Shields said that there had been a proposal for the development of the farm to be included in the Borough wide plan but it had not been included on the recommendations of the officers; there had also been an option on Seal's land which had gone no further. Mr Shields said that each householder would be invited to comment on the local plan; it would be on exhibition in Burton on 29 July.

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Members of the public who had come to the meeting with an interest in this item added their contributions. Mr Shields was prepared to speak to the Environmental Health people to ensure a response if a householder required an official to come out to witness the nuisance concerned. Mr Shields would also speak to an agent who was in touch with the property owner with regard to the state of 3 decrepit huts on the farm.

This matter would be brought forward to the next meeting.

9 WATER SUPPLY TO ALLOTMENTS AND BURIAL GROUND

Mr Topham had requested this item to be placed on the agenda but, in view of the late hour, it was deferred to the next meeting.

10 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

10.1 **LAPLC** Details of the annual general meeting on the 18 June were given to the representatives and a ballot paper was filled in.

10.2 **Towles Fields** Mrs Kathryn Walsh (her brother, Mr Plant, lives at 19 Brook Street), single mother with 2 children, had requested support for her application to rent a house at Towles Fields. It was understood that 2 houses would shortly be available; the Council had made recommendations for these. It was agreed to ask the Housing Association to put Mrs Walsh's name on a waiting list.

10.3 **Sports Officer** The Borough Council had appointed Mrs Julie Nithsdale as the new Strategic Sports Development Officer from 1 April. A questionnaire on sports facilities had been received which the Clerk would complete.

10.4 **Civic Service** An invitation from the Mayor Designate, Councillor K Brailsford, had been received to attend a Civic Service on 16 June.

10.5 **Structure Plan** Details and booklets on the Leicestershire Structure Plan had been received with a questionnaire. The booklets were circulated and members were asked to make their comments at the next meeting.

10.6 **Local Government Reorganisation** A letter from the County Council with an update had been circulated.

11 PRESS RELEASE

This would include an item on the Exhibition of the Local Plan on 29 July.

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12 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Royal Label Factory - plaques £78.13
Greenbarnes Ltd - notice board £417.13
Severn Trent Water - pavilion £68.23
G G Skinner - telephone and expenses £66.72
Cornhill Insurance - annual premium (Parish Council) £532.29
T Wright Maintenance £198.33

13 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Waymarking, Poultry farm, Water supply to the Allotments and Burial Ground and Leicestershire Structure Plan.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

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MINUTES of the annual meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday, 15 May 1995, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Mr M Oakland (Chairman)
Mr D Minkley (Vice Chairman)
Mr G Brewin
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham
Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Eight Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Mrs Saunders.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk, confirmed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mr Minkley, seconded by Mr Moyle, and agreed unanimously that Mr Oakland should be elected Chairman.

4 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mr Oakland, seconded by Mrs Pickford and agreed unanimously that Mr Minkley should be elected Vice Chairman.

5 ELECTION OF DELEGATES

5.1 Burton on the Wolds PFA Management Committee It was proposed by Mr Oakland, seconded by Mrs Spicer, and agreed unanimously that Mrs Saunders should continue on this Committee.

5.2 Burton on the Wolds Village Hall Management Committee It was proposed by Mr Minkley, seconded by Mr Brewin, and agreed unanimously that Mrs Pickford should serve on this Committee.

5.3 British Gypsum Liaison Committee It was proposed by Mr Oakland, seconded by Mr Minkley, and agreed unanimously that Mr Topham should be elected to this Committee. It should be noted that this Committee is in suspension for the time being.



5.4 LAPLC It was proposed by Mr Oakland, seconded by Mr Minkley and agreed unanimously that Messrs Brewin and Topham and Mrs Spicer should be the elected representatives on this Committee.

6 INVENTORY OF PARISH PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

7 The inventory was circulated and studied. It was noted that the insurance for the playground equipment had been considerably raised since the purchase of the Lapsett equipment.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 7.49 pm.

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MINUTES of the annual parish meeting for the ward of Burton on the Wolds held in Burton Village Hall on Monday, 13 May 1996, at 7.20 pm.

Present:

Mr M Oakland (Chairman)
Mr D Minkley (Vice Chairman)
Mr G Brewin
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham
Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Eight Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Mrs Saunders.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk, confirmed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising other than those covered in the Chairman's report.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report for the year ended 31 March 1996 covered the following topics:

Charnwood Local Plan
Traffic Calming Measures
Speeding
Access problems - Towles Fields
Principal Beat Officer
B676
Travellers
Burial Ground
Playing Field
Village Hall
Poultry Farm
Pig Farm
Dog Fouling
Newsletter
Precept
Thanks

The meeting closed at 7.29 pm.



BURTON

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN

The draft local plan is now reaching its final stages and comments have to be filed by August. There will be an exhibition of the plan in Burton on the Wolds Village Hall on Monday, 29 July, 2.30 pm - 9 pm.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

I am pleased to report that, after prolonged discussions with officials from the Director of Planning & Transportation, Burton on the Wolds has benefited from traffic calming measures. A new road layout is also planned which includes a miniroundabout in the centre of Burton; this will be implemented shortly. A copy of the plan was published in this month's 'Link'.

SPEEDING

The Council continues to raise the problem of speeding with the appropriate authorities. Inspector Williams, Quorn Police, came to a meeting recently and he agreed to carry out a traffic monitoring survey to ascertain the effect of the traffic calming measures. He also instigated Truvela strips to be laid but these were vandalised shortly after installation. The Council has asked that they should be reinstated if a result was not obtained.

ACCESS PROBLEMS - TOWLES FIELDS

Access problems from Towles Fields have resulted in 2 traffic accidents during the past year. This has been raised with the County Council for their proposals.

PRINCIPAL BEAT OFFICER

A Principal Beat Officer has been appointed for the Wolds Beat area. The new PBO is PC Tony Hewitt, who is a local man.

B676

The Parish Council regularly monitors roads and footpaths in the area and I understand from the Divisional Surveyor that a major scheme to repair the road from the centre of Burton out to the old school, including footpaths, will be undertaken within the next 6 months.

TRAVELLERS

During the past year there has been a problem with travellers on the Common. Although the Parish Council had discussions with officials from Charnwood Borough Council, the Police and the Agents of the Duke of Somerset (the Duke owns the land), there is not an easy solution to the problem should it occur again. The main difficulty is that action is up to the owner of the land so that the Parish Council's hands are tied in this respect.

BURIAL GROUND

Funding has been provided for a noticeboard for the Burial Ground which will hold a map of the graves compiled by Denis Minkley. A new wooden fence was erected to replace the one demolished by a car.

PLAYING FIELD

The Council has contributed towards improvements to the playing field, including the standard of the surfaces, and is also grateful to Rachael Saunders who donated the Lapsett play equipment.

VILLAGE HALL

The Council makes a large contribution to the running costs and repairs of the Hall. Now that the major extension is complete, it is planned to redecorate and to hang new curtains this summer.

POULTRY FARM, SOWTERS LANE

During the past few years residents have complained of problems emanating from the farm, mainly stench and dust. The Council has taken this up with the appropriate authorities and the owners of the farm but, to date, has been unable to establish that the farm is not operating within the legal limits laid down by the Environmental Health Department.

PIG FARM, MELTON ROAD

There has been a considerable improvement in this site.

DOG FOULING

The Council continues to receive complaints regarding dog fouling; discussions have been held with the Environmental Health people on the Borough Council and the Council publishes requests in 'The Link' for owner awareness and provides local notices.

NEWSLETTER

The Council circulated a newsletter last September in an effort to keep residents informed of its functions and to encourage local participation.

PRECEPT

This year's precept has been set at £9000; a reduction of £275 on the previous year's levy. With careful management, it is hoped to reduce the amount still further next year.

THANKS

The Chairman expressed his thanks for the support of his fellow Parish Councillors during the year; he was also grateful to Mr Shields and Mrs Goodman. He particularly thanked the Clerk for her good work throughout the year.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 15 April 1996, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Mr M Oakland (Chairman)
Mr G Brewin
Mrs M Pickford
Mr R Moyle
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham
Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance: Five Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Messrs Shields and Minkley.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Principal Beat Officer A letter had been received from Inspector Williams stating that a Principal Beat Officer had been appointed for the Wolds beat area. His name was Tony Hewitt and he could be reached on voice mailbox by telephoning 0116 2485675; his mailbox number was 744#.

Arising from Inspector Williams' visit to the last Council meeting, Truvela strips had been placed on the main road at Burton on the Wolds. Unfortunately, these had been vandalised after a few days. The Clerk would enquire whether results were available or whether the strips would need to be installed again.

3.2 Highway Maintenance Programme The Divisional Surveyor had written on 28 March to confirm that the B676 resurfacing scheme had been included in his works programme for the coming financial year. The work was likely to be completed in the first 6 months of the financial year.

3.3 Tree Preservation Order Mr Buckingham, Landscape Officer at the Borough Council, had written to say that he was aware that certain trees at 'The Willows' had been removed over the years, with permission, and he would visit the site to confirm the current situation, together with the other existing preservation orders.

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3.4 **Burial Ground** Mr Wright had tidied the site and laid a slab for a litter bin. A new bin would be purchased after consultation with Mr Minkley. It was noted that a car windscreen had not been removed from the spinney; the Clerk would ask Mr Wright to deal with this.

4 **BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION**

A letter had been received from Mr Betts on the subject of the Village Hall and Playing Field Charities. This was in response to a query from one of the Councillors which the Clerk had passed on to Mr Betts. The letter set out the structure of both charities and copies had been circulated to all Councillors.

It was agreed that a copy of the annual audited accounts of both charities should be presented to the Council.

5 **VILLAGE HALL**

At a recent meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee it had been agreed that the Parish Council should not pay rent for use of the Hall in view of the fact that the Council paid some of the running costs and repairs.

After that meeting Mr Betts had sent a report to 'The Link' headed 'Burton Village Hall Crisis'. This had arisen because there had been insufficient members of the public present to hold the planned annual general meeting which had now been deferred until 21 May. The present elected members of the public were retiring which left the positions of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary to be filled. Other members of the Committee represented village organisations.

6 **CLERK'S REPORT**

Copies of the accounts for the period up to and including 31 March 1996 were circulated, discussed and approved. The financial year had ended with healthy balances in the Business Reserve and Capital Reserve accounts; the Chairman said that the aim for the next financial year should be to reduce the amount of the precept; this was agreed.

Mr Brewin made a ~~scathing~~ criticism of the format of the Receipts, Payments and Projection sheets presented by the Clerk each month, which he described as "useless". His complaint seemed to be the lack of detail. The Clerk explained that the Receipts and Payments were summarised and that full details were included in the minutes. The format had been designed by former Parish Councillor, Mr Betts (retired banker), and had been successfully in use for nearly 8 years. The figures had proved to be a good guide to the main transactions of the Council and the current financial situation, which had enabled decisions to be made on any large, unexpected items of expenditure, of which there had been several during the last financial year. She offered to show Mr Brewin or any other members of the Council the full computer spreadsheet or the manual accounts book. Mr Brewin was not interested in this and the offer was not taken up. She explained that it would be cumbersome to

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print out the full spreadsheet each month, which included a bank reconciliation statement, because she had not the facility of a wide carriage printer. The present format had been found satisfactory in the past and she understood that many Clerks of Parish Councils balanced the books once a year only.

Mr Moyle proposed that a summary of the accounts should be presented on a 6 monthly basis; this was seconded by Mrs Saunders and agreed unanimously.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

930028 Land at Prestwold Hall Use of parts of airfield and parkland for recreational activities including vehicle driving karts, quad bikes, mules, hovercraft and paint ball games. Amendment: Go-kart track repositioned.

With regard to this application the Deputy Area Planning Officer had written in response to the Clerk's letter to say that this was merely an amendment to the original application. It was a condition of that permission that the hovercraft could only operate within the old kitchen garden and only on 10 occasions per year. The resiting of the karting area had been approved and, as these machines only have 140cc 4 stroke engines, they should not be audible from the village of Burton.

8 ENVIRONMENT

8.1 **Land Improvement** A letter had been received from the Borough Council in which it said that funds were available for any public land in the parish in need of improvement or development. It was agreed to liaise with Mr Ward, the Allotment Holders' Association's Secretary, to see if the Association would like to apply for funds.

8.2 **Waymarking** A letter had been received from Dr Evans on this subject. Mrs Saunders said that she would meet with him to discuss the various points raised.

8.3 **National Spring Clean** Details had been received and it was agreed to ask Mr Highton if the Scouts would like to undertake a litter pick, as in previous years.

8.4 **Chicken Farm** There was a discussion on the problems which arose from dust and smells at the farm and the Chairman invited the 5 local government electors to participate as they had a number of complaints to air. This matter had been the subject of a large amount of correspondence 2 years ago at the end of which the residents involved had been requested to keep diary sheets for a period of 3 months. Unfortunately, this had not been done. After various suggestions to alleviate the problems were put forward, it was agreed that the Clerk should write with details of the complaints to the Director of Legal and Environmental Services, the Health and Safety Executive and Padleys, the owners of the farm. Mr Brewin would have an informal discussion with a member of the Planning Department to ascertain whether plans to resite the farm were likely to go forward.

H. G. Oakes

8.5 **Walkway** It was reported that the walkway between St Phillips Road and Sowters Lane was in a poor state. This had originally appeared on the plans for the estate as a play area. It was not clear who was responsible for its maintenance; the Clerk would take this up.

9 **NEW ROAD LAYOUT**

Mr Adey from the Department of Planning & Transportation had met with Mrs Goodman, the Chairman, some of the Burton Councillors and the Clerk since the last Council meeting. He had presented a new design for the centre of the village; it was now proposed to install one miniroundabout instead of two and to provide pedestrian islands. It was agreed that this was an improvement on the original design. However, the Clerk was asked to obtain more detail of the plans for access to the car park and to remind Mr Adey that, as stated at the meeting, the car park should be accessible in more than one place with wider access than on the plan and an exit by the bus stop to the main road.

10 **SAFETY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES**

Mrs Saunders reported on a recent seminar she had attended regarding safety in rural communities which had concluded with the following points:

- i remove fear from Society
- ii need for better communication
- iii more welfare facilities
- iv more cooperation with police
- v understanding policing difficulties
- vi understanding youth and behaviour problems

11 **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

11.1 **Charnwood Local Plan**

Details had been received of a CPRE Skills Seminar on 20 April.

Charnwood Borough Council would hold an Exhibition in Burton Village Hall 29 July 2-9.30 pm. Responses to the local plan would be required shortly afterwards.

11.2 **LRCC** An appeal letter had been received and it was agreed to donate £50, as in previous years.

11.3 **Twinning** A letter had been received from the Borough Council on the possibilities of twinning. It was not thought appropriate to take this up.

11.4 **Towles Fields** The Clerk understood from the Housing Association that there was the possibility of 2 houses being made available shortly. She had also received a request from Alison Bailey, presently living at Anstey, for accommodation at Towles Fields. Her parents lived at Sowters Lane. It was agreed to support her application.



12 PRESS RELEASE

This would include an item on the Exhibition of the Local Plan on 29 July. As the closing date for April had occurred before the meeting, the Clerk had submitted an item on the new road layout.

13 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Tom Wright - tidying the Burial Ground and laying a slab £30
G G Skinner - expenses £36.19
LRCC - donation £50

14 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Mrs Saunders tendered her apologies. On 13 May the annual meetings would take place as follows:

7 pm Cotes
7.10 pm Prestwold
7.20 pm Burton
7.30 pm Annual Parish Council meeting
7.50 pm Monthly Parish Council meeting

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 11 March 1996, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Mr M Oakland (Chairman)

Mr D Minkley (Vice Chairman)

Mr G Brewin

Mrs M Pickford

Mr R Moyle

Mrs R Saunders

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K Topham

Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)

Mrs D Goodman (County Councillor)

Before the meeting commenced, Inspector Bill Williams from Quorn Police Station spoke and answered questions on general policing matters. He commenced by outlining his personal history and then proceeded to deal with the following:

TRAFFIC

With regard to the recent traffic calming measures installed in Burton on the Wolds he said that it would be possible to monitor speeds by Truvella strips in the road; he agreed to carry out a traffic monitoring survey to see if the traffic calming measures had been effective. He explained the difficulties of providing speed cameras. In answer to a question on vehicles blocking footpaths, he said that the police would initially issue an advice note on the offending vehicle.

PRINCIPAL BEAT OFFICER

He explained the difficulties that had been experienced by officers leaving, for various reasons. He had advertised for a Principal Beat Officer for the Wolds villages but without success so far. If no one came forward, he would appoint a PBO from his staff. In the meantime, PC John Flower was looking after the Wolds villages. In answer to a question regarding a Special Constable, he said that there were difficulties in obtaining volunteers.

ITINERANTS

In answer to a question regarding itinerants on common land, he outlined the police powers but said that it was really up to the landowner to take out a Court Order.

In conclusion he said that he would welcome letters from the community and would do his best to sort out any complaints.

The Chairman thanked him for his talk.

M. G. Oakland

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 **Roads** Mrs Goodman said that she would enquire regarding how the miniroundabouts scheme was progressing and also ask when the proposed road resurfacing on the B676 would take place.

3.2 Alarm, Brook Street Mr Dodsworth had been in touch; he understood that local residents did not want to respond to an alarm but seemed to think that an alarm through to the authorities would be too expensive to install. He would look into this and let the Clerk know the result.

3.4 **Tree Schedule** Mrs Saunders had checked the schedule and found that it did not include the cedars on Hall Drive; she also thought that some of the trees listed at 'The Willows' had been removed. The Clerk would bring these matters to the attention of Mr Buckingham and ask him to check the schedule.

4.4 Dead Fox This had now been removed.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

The work on the trees was almost complete. Simon Parry Jones had agreed to act as an unpaid tree warden and would collect up the plastic sleeves. It had been decided to leave the matter of mud on the equipment until the end of the summer.

5 VILLAGE HALL

John Unwin (EC) Ltd had carried out an electrical inspection and some small repairs for the sum of £151.69. It was understood that there was a millennium fund available for Village Halls and this would be followed up.

6 CLERK'S REPORT

Copies of the accounts for the period up to and including 29 February 1996 and cash projections for the period up to and including 31 March 1996 were circulated, discussed and approved.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

953071 Mr D Philipson Extensions to rear of semidetached house for first floor ensuite shower room with pitched roof and for bedroom; formation of access to Loughborough Road, 3 Barrow Road, Burton on the Wolds.

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Mr Shields had looked into the application and said that there was no requirement on the planning application for 1 Barrow Road for parking. The revised plan issued for the application for 3 Barrow Road showed pedestrian access to the back of No 1.

930028 Land at Prestwold Hall Use of parts of airfield and parkland for recreational activities including vehicle driving karts, quad bikes, mules, hovercraft and paint ball games. Amendment: Go-kart track repositioned.

It was agreed that there should be a noise limitation, restriction of hours and days on the above application. There was also concern about the implications of hovercraft using the site. The Clerk would write to the Planning Department accordingly.

There was no objection to the following applications:

960121 Mrs A Sissling Siting of a satellite dish on rear gable wall of dwelling, 32 Seymour Road, Burton on the Wolds

960254 B & J Hollingshead & Son Erection of a dutch barn (92.6 sq m) Agricultural development notification, Egypt Lodge Farm, Six Hills.

8 ENVIRONMENT

8.1 **Competition** Details of the Best Kept Village Competition had been received.

8.2 **Footpaths** A letter had been received from the Senior Rights of Way Officer saying that Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe wished to reconsider the use of the permissive paths on the estate. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to respond that the Parish Council was happy with the footpaths as they were now.

8.3 **Dangerous Cross Roads** A copy of a letter on this subject which had been sent to the Director of Planning & Transportation had been received from Mr Smith of Brook Street. The Clerk would send him a reply and send a copy of the letter to Inspector Williams.

8.4 **Highway Maintenance** A letter on the programme 1997/97 had been received from the Divisional Surveyor. The Clerk would write and ask about the promised resurfacing of the B676.

9 BURIAL GROUND

Mr Minkley had considered the catalogues on notice boards and recommended that a hardwood one should be purchased for the sum of £437 plus erection. This was agreed. He had also looked at catalogues on litter bins. As these were very expensive it was agreed to purchase a large dustbin with a clip on lid for the time being. It would need a slab base. The Clerk would place the appropriate orders.



10 ANNUAL MEETINGS WITH PARISHES

10.1 LCC 7 pm on 11 April.

10.2 CBC 7.30 pm on 18 April. Mr Topham and the Clerk would attend.

11 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CIRCULAR ON DOG FOULING

Copies of the circular were considered in which Mr Saunders (the Coordinator) said "The Parish Council gives invaluable support to the NW scheme. As a reciprocal gesture I have offered help to carry out a project. part of the effort to prevent dogs fouling public areas ... The Parish Council has decided to write to each household with a dog, asking residents to clear up if their dog defecates on footpaths, verges, playing field etc, and pointing out that not doing so is now a criminal offence. A list of households with dogs is required for the project; this is where we come in. It will be a great help if you will provide my wife, Rachael, with a list of names and addresses from your NW household group, within 7 days of receiving this request ... etc."

Mr Topham said that this was untrue and the opposite of the Council's decision at the last meeting; he also said that this was the second time that matters had been manipulated outside Council meetings since he had joined. He made a strong protest that the NW should bring the Council into disrepute by issuing circulars of this nature. He said that the circular which had gone out was incorrect and that, together with the second circular withdrawing the request, was nothing to do with the Council and the cost of photocopying was a misuse of public funds. The Council usually paid for the cost of NW copying but, in this case, the NW Coordinator should reimburse the Council.

Mrs Saunders responded with details of the work she had carried out over many years to alleviate dog fouling. However, she accepted the censure but felt that if such matters were voted upon, situations like this would not arise. The cost of the photocopying regarding dog fouling would be reimbursed by the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

After a further interchange of views between Mr Topham and Mrs Saunders where Mr Topham made it clear that decisions should be taken at Council meetings and not elsewhere (he had taken advice from a Local Government member on this matter), the Chairman said that the Council would continue to fight against dog fouling.

A letter was then considered from Mr Betts in which he said that he understood the Council had enlisted the help of the NW Organisation in compiling a list of dog owners to whom the Council was going to write individually. He felt that the NW should not be involved and that it would be a misuse of (and probably damaging to) the Watch scheme to involve it in an exercise of this type etc. The Chairman said that there had been some misunderstandings and the Clerk would inform Mr Betts accordingly.

Mrs Saunders suggested that dog litter bins should be placed around Burton on the Wolds but the suggestion was not taken up.



12 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

12.1 CPRE Details were given of a seminar on 'How to influence your local plan or UDP' on 20 April.

12.2 LAPLC The next meeting would be on 20 March.

12.3 Poppy Chain Details of a sponsorship scheme were given.

12.4 Bartholomew Hickling's Charity A Bible had been received which Mr Minkley would pass on to the school.

12.5 Leicester Archaeological Network Details had been received which the Clerk would pass on to the Wolds Historical Group.

13 PRESS RELEASE

This would include items on Inspector Williams' talk, the new notice board for the Burial Ground and the precept.

14 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

John Unwin (EC) Ltd for Village Hall £151.69

NALC annual subscription £118.84

Leics Playing Field Association - annual subscription £10

Audit Commission for audit £116.33

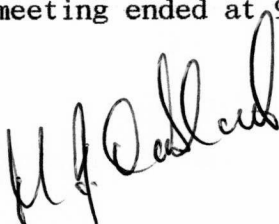
G G Skinner - 3 months' salary, 6 months' office accommodation and expenses £585.78

Donation to 'The Link' £50

15 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Due to the Easter holiday the next meeting would be held on 15 April.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 12 February 1996, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Mr M Oakland (Chairman)
Mr D Minkley (Vice Chairman)
Mr G Brewin
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham
Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Mrs D Edmonds (Local Government Elector)

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs Pickford and Mr Moyle.

2 MINUTES

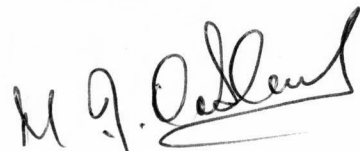
The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Burial Ground Catalogues for a notice board and a litter bin were given to Mr Minkley to study. The Clerk was waiting for a quotation for a notice board from the DLO.

3.2 B676 The Divisional Surveyor had responded to the Clerk's letter of 12 January and stated that emergency repairs had been completed to refill the potholes. In addition a works instruction had been issued for a more permanent repair which he hoped would be sufficient to last until the reconstruction scheme was started in the next financial year.

3.3 Traffic Calming There was a lengthy discussion on the efficacy of the traffic calming measures recently installed and some disquiet was expressed. Mrs Edmonds was invited to give her views; she was concerned because she found the colour of the 'slow' strips unsightly. It was agreed to write to the police authorities to ask if it would be possible for the village to have a speed camera and to invite the local police to send a representative to a future meeting where all the traffic problems could be aired. It was also agreed to follow up the possibility of purchasing a 'plastic policeman'. In the meantime the redesigned plans for the miniroundabouts were awaited.



3.4 **30 mph sign at Cotes** Mrs Spicer had made enquiries of local residents but no one remembered a 30 mph sign at Cotes. In these circumstances it was unlikely that one would be installed.

4 **BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION**

4.1 **Play equipment** Mrs Saunders had received a letter from Mr Moffat, Assistant Director (Development Control) regarding planning permission. As planning permission was not required for the installation of the play equipment provided that it was carried out by the Parish Council on land belonging to or maintained by them, it was clear that it was unnecessary to take the matter any further.

The problem of mud on the new apparatus would be discussed at a forthcoming PFA meeting.

4.2 **Plaques** Mr Minkley recommended the purchase of 2 plaques 8" x 4" with appropriate lettering in block letters; this was agreed and the Clerk would place the order.

5 **VILLAGE HALL**

The Clerk had authorised some small repairs which had arisen out of the recent electrical inspection.

6 **CLERK'S REPORT**

6.1 **Accounts** Copies of the accounts for the period up to and including 31 January 1996 and cash projections for the period up to and including 31 March 1996 were circulated, discussed and approved.

6.2 **Investment** The Clerk reported the result of her investigations. Interest rates were falling and higher interest accounts were, in the main, not suitable for a Parish Council. It was agreed to leave things as they were.

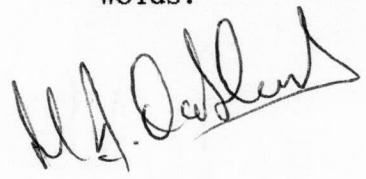
7 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There was no objection to the following application:

960058 Mr J Stead First floor extension to rear of detached house for bedroom/ensuite extension, 5 Springfield Close, Burton on the Wolds.

The implications of the formation of access to Loughborough Road, part of the following application, would be looked into by Mr Shields:

953071 Mr D Philipson Extensions to rear of semidetached house for first floor ensuite shower room with pitched roof and for bedroom; formation of access to Loughborough Road, 3 Barrow Road, Burton on the Wolds.



8 ENVIRONMENT

8.1 TPO Schedule The current schedule had been received and was given to Mrs Saunders to study.

8.2 Trees on B676 A letter had been received from Mr Saunders regarding the state of oak trees bordering the B676 between Prestwold and Cotes. The Clerk would take this up with the authorities.

8.3 Fox Mrs Saunders reported that there was a large dead fox in the burial ground; the Clerk would arrange for its removal.

8.4 Dog Fouling The problem of the extensive dog fouling in Brook Street was discussed. Mrs Saunders suggested that individual dog owners should be written to and volunteered to obtain names and addresses. Mr Topham was not in favour and thought that this measure might prove to be counter productive. After further discussion, it was agreed that official notices might prove to be the best deterrent and the Clerk would obtain quotations for these. Mr Topham reported the result of the recent approach by the Dog Warden to Mr & Mrs Moreton. He had also prepared an item for 'The Link' on the subject; this was approved and would be submitted.

9 MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Quotations for maintenance of the burial ground and the ground around the Village Hall from DS Garden Construction and Tom Wright were considered. In the view of the fact that the price difference was marginal and that Tom Wright was more efficient it was agreed to offer him the contract. It was felt that litter should also be removed from both sites and the burial ground litter bin emptied by the contractor; the Clerk would make this clear to Mr Wright.

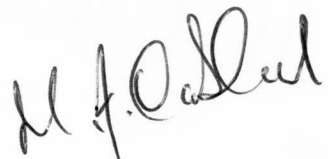
10 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

10.1 Council Tax Base The Director of Finance had notified the Clerk that the Council Tax Base for the parish was 452.6.

10.2 Annual Meetings with Parishes The annual meeting with representatives of the County Council would be held on Thursday, 11 April, at 7 pm at Glenfield. The annual meeting with the Borough Council would be held on 18 April at 7.30 pm at the Town Hall.

These matters would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

10.3 Neighbourhood Watch Mr Saunders had written to ask the Parish Council to write to the Chief Constable in support of a Principal Beat Officer being appointed for the local community. The Clerk would write accordingly and this matter would also be taken up when a representative from the police attended a future meeting.



11 PRESS RELEASE

This would include an item on dog fouling.

12 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

DS Garden Construction - 2 months' maintenance £98

Charnwood Borough Council - election costs £366.24

Leics Footpath Association - annual subscription £3.50

G G Skinner - phone and expenses £154.97

13 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Annual meetings with parishes and burial ground markers.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds, on Monday, 8 January 1996, at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham
Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance: Mrs D Goodman (County Councillor)

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Messrs Oakland and Brewin.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record after an amendment to 3.7, page 2030, which should read a 'Severn Trent' team and not Borough Council, and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 **Junction Improvement** The Clerk had been informed that this had been redesigned.

3.2 **Traffic Calming** Mrs Saunders had been informed that the measures had been delayed but should be completed by the end of January. She understood that this would be a scheme similar to that at Langham. It was generally thought that traffic through Burton had been reduced since the opening of the Bypass. Mrs Saunders volunteered to take the details of 40 ton lorries travelling through the village.

3.3 **Traffic at Burton School** Mr Smyth from the Department of Planning & Transportation had replied to the Clerk's letter of the 16 October 1995 and was prepared to provide an additional 'slow' marking at this approach to the village. He shared the concerns about the safety of this junction and would be looking into the matter to see if there was any scope to improve it. A copy of his letter would be sent to the Headmaster via Mr Minkley.

3.4 **30 mph sign Cotes** A letter had been received from Mr Smyth saying that he could find no record of there being a 30 mph speed limit on the section of the A60 Nottingham Road which passes through Cotes village. Mrs Spicer undertook to investigate the matter further.

M.G. Oakland

3.5 Photocopier The Clerk gave details of prices for both purchasing and leasing a photocopier plus maintenance. It was decided that, in view of the relatively low volume of copying, the purchase of a copier would not be desirable at the present time.

3.6 Environmental Charter This had been circulated; there were few comments but it was agreed to request that the large number of trees to be planted should receive good follow up care.

4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

4.1 Plaques As the catalogue received from the Royal Label Factory would need detailed consideration, Mr Minkley agreed to take this away to study; he would consult with Mr Oakland and bring their recommendations to the next meeting.

4.2 Trees It was hoped that Martin Page would attend to the trees in the near future.

4.3 Lapsett Equipment A letter from Mr Moffat of the Department of Planning & Building Control was read together with a reply from Mrs Saunders. It was hoped that her reply would make it clear that planning permission was not required for the equipment as it came under the auspices of the Parish Council.

4.4 Surface It was agreed that a safety surface would be desirable to be placed under the chute and this work could be carried out in the better weather.

5 VILLAGE HALL

There was nothing to report.

6 CLERK'S REPORT

6.1 Accounts Copies of the accounts for the period up to and including 31 December 1995 and cash projections for the period up to and including 31 March 1996 were circulated, discussed and approved.

6.2 Precept A draft budget was circulated and approved. It was agreed to ask for a precept of £9000 which was £275 less than last year. The necessary forms were signed.

6.3 Investment The Clerk reported that, in spite of 2 long telephone calls with the Northern Rock Building Society in which she stated the requirements, which were agreed, when the Society received the cheque for £15000 they said that they could not open a Postal 90 Account for a Parish Council; they returned the cheque. The Clerk gave details of accounts with the Cooperative Bank and agreed to investigate an account with Abbey National. She would bring the details to the next meeting.

M. G. Oakland

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There was no objection to the following application:

952538 Mr & Mrs Gardner Retention of 1.8m high close boarded wooden fence to front and side of semi detached bungalow (retrospective) 11 Seymour Road, Burton on the Wolds.

8 ENVIRONMENT

8.1 **Dog Fouling** Mr Topham had been into the Borough Council offices and had a discussion with a member of staff about the law for dogs off the leash and dog fouling; this had proved to be a 'grey' area and apparently a dog had to be on a leash when fouling for a prosecution to be brought; this could be effected by one witness making a statement. However, the Dog Warden had said that he would visit the offending parishioner and notify Mr Topham of the result. It was agreed that dog fouling was on the increase and Mrs Saunders suggested that a letter to the dog owners in the parish might be effective. This matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

8.2 **Roads** Although repairs had been made to the B676 since the last meeting, the repairs had not held and it was agreed to write to the Divisional Surveyor requesting that the holes near the old School and in Prestwold Lane should receive substantial treatment.

8.3 **Burial Ground Notice Board** Mr Minkley said that the size required for a glass fronted notice board was 3' x 2'. The Clerk would obtain quotations. Mrs Saunders said that a large litter bin should be provided; this was agreed and the Clerk would bring a catalogue to the next meeting.

9 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

9.1 **Police Consultative Committee** The next meeting would be on 23 January.

9.2 **Rented Houses at Towles Fields** A letter had been received from Mrs Tyson on behalf of her daughter, Melanie Lawrence. Melanie had moved out to Barrow but now wished to return to Towles Fields. It was agreed to write to the Housing Association supporting the application.

10 PRESS RELEASE

This would include an item on the traffic calming measures.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. J. D. Smith', is written in the bottom right corner of the page.

11 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

DS Garden Construction - maintenance of Burial Ground £49
Society of Local Council Clerks - annual subscription £40
G G Skinner - expenses including photocopying £39.46
M Craven - erecting and dismantling Christmas lights £20

12 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Quotations for maintenance of the Burial Ground and the ground around the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'M. Craven', is written over the text of the minutes.

MINUTES of the annual parish meeting for the ward of Prestwold held in Burton Village Hall on Monday, 13 May 1996, at 7.10 pm.

Present:

Mr M Oakland (Chairman)
Mr D Minkley (Vice Chairman)
Mr G Brewin
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham
Mrs G G Skinner (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
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1 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Mrs Saunders.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk, confirmed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

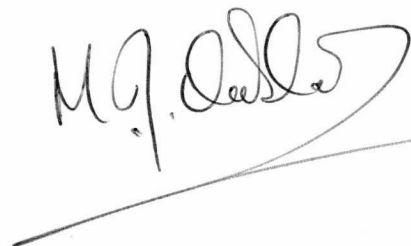
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4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report for the year ended 31 March 1996 covered the following topics:

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Principal Beat Officer
Burial Ground
Playing Field
Village Hall
Dog Fouling
Newsletter
Precept
Thanks

The meeting closed at 7.19 pm.



PRESTWOLD

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN

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PRINCIPAL BEAT OFFICER

A Principal Beat Officer has been appointed for the Wolds Beat area. The new PBO is PC Tony Hewitt, who is a local man.

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Funding has been provided for a noticeboard for the Burial Ground which will hold a map of the graves compiled by Denis Minkley. A new wooden fence was erected to replace the one demolished by a car.

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MINUTES of the annual parish meeting for the ward of Cotes held in Burton Village Hall on Monday, 13 May 1996, at 7 pm.

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